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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE, *et al.*

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For: *Metallic Solid Supports Modified
with Nucleic Acids*

Group No. 1637

Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa, E.

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Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time to file a Response to the November 17, 2003 Office Action, by 3 months, to and including **May 17, 2003**, and authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-64411-2/RMS/RMK/SPL(468267-00067) the fee of \$950.00. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-65909-1/RMS/RMK/SPL/463037-00018).

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